

Washington, DC – Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-1) voted tonight to prevent a tax increase on all Americans set to hit January 1, 2011, as the House passed legislation to extend the current tax rates for all Americans. The bill passed 277-148. Wittman released the following statement:

“This legislation stops a massive, looming tax hike for families and businesses,” Wittman said. “In the tax debate there is one simple truth – higher taxes do not get anyone hired. Our economy continues to struggle, and unemployment is too high because of the uncertainty and skyrocketing spending coming out of Washington. This bill’s “cost” assumes that taxpayer dollars earned next year belong to the government! Only in Washington does that logic make sense. I believe that families and small businesses can spend their hard-earned money more wisely than government. This bill isn’t perfect but it’s critical that we stop this tax hike. Congress’s next step to get our economy moving is to address the debt and deficit problem – the first order of business in January. As we begin the 112th Congress, my first priority will be to rein in spending and cut out waste, fraud and abuse in the federal budget. Our future lies not in the size of government, but in the people who drive this country’s prosperity: the entrepreneurs, the innovators, and those who work hard to achieve their American Dream.”

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.